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Mr. P. SIVA RAO :—“ May I enquire, Sir, whether the original Tungabhadra project, which was estimated to cost about 13 crores and which was deferred with reference to some other schemes, has been completely given up ? ”

The hon. Mr. C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—“ If this Sangameswaram project is abandoned, that will hold the field.”

Rao Bahadur C. V. S. NARASIMHA RAJU :—“ May I enquire, Sir, whether the Tungabhadra project was shelved by Mr. Morgan ? ”

The hon. Mr. C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—“ Mr. Morgan gave a fairly definite answer after his investigations went up to a certain stage. It was because of his advice that the Government have now taken a different view of its possibilities and are exploring it, and we have invoked the Consulting Engineer to the Government of India to strengthen us in the matter of expert opinion.”

Mr. K. KOTI REDDI :—“ Am I to take it, Sir, that the Sangameswaram project means the definite abandonment of the modified Tungabhadra project ? ”

The hon. Mr. C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—“ It will include the old portions of the Tungabhadra project.”

Diwan Bahadur P. KESAVA PILLAI :—“ Will it benefit the Bellary district, Sir ? ”

The hon. Mr. C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—“ Yes.”

The Nagavali project.

266 Q.—The RAJA OF KURUPAM: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state whether it is under the consideration of the Government to extend the Nagavali project—

(a) by opening a head sluice in the right bank of the river opposite the one in existence in the left bank and by digging fresh channels so as also to irrigate the lands of the villages situated to the south of the river as far as the Suvarnamukhi generally known as Seethanagram river ; and

(b) by constructing a reservoir across the Janjhavati at a place higher up Gumpa where this river joins with the Nagavali and below Narayana-patnam or another between Chollapadam and Rayaghada ?

A.—(a) The answer is in the negative.

(b) The hon. Member's attention is invited to the report on the project on page 9 of Mr. Morgan's Report on Irrigation Projects already placed on the Table.

The masonry dam at Agalangan.

267 Q.—Mr. C. MARUTHAVANAM PILLAI: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(1) whether the Government are aware of the fact that the masonry dam built by the French at Agalangan across the Arasalar has seriously impaired the capacity of the river as a source of irrigation and drainage owing to the absence of screw shutters and sand-scouring vents for the said dam ; and

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(2) whether it is a fact that owing to the discontinuance or neglect of *nanal* planting, the carrying capacity of the rivers in the Cauvery delta has seriously diminished?

A.—(1) The Government are aware of the existence of the dam referred to, and the difficulties arising therefrom. The French Government have proposed to improve the dam by converting it into a regulator but there is no guarantee as to when it will be done. The Collector has however been directed to safeguard the interests of the British ryots adequately by regulating the Kavadi channel head sluices as occasion arises.

(2) As much funds as can be spared under present conditions are being allotted for conservancy operations. The Government have no reason to believe that the alleged discontinuance or neglect of conservancy operations has reduced the carrying capacity of the delta rivers.

Surplus water overflowing the Pennar Anicut.

268 Q.—Mr. K. SITARAMA REDDIYAR: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the amount of surplus water overflowing the Pennar anicut near Tirukkoyilur unutilized for irrigation purposes for the last twenty years?

A.—The Government have not the information asked for.

Mr. K. SITARAMA REDDIYAR:—“Will the Government be pleased to call for the information?”

The hon. Mr. C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR:—“In deference to the wish of my hon. Friend, I have asked our Chief Engineer and he says that gaugings have not been kept, but the information will be collected.”

Law Officers.

Age of Government pleaders and public prosecutors.

269 Q.—The RAJA OF RAMNAD: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to furnish the age of the various Government pleaders and public prosecutors employed in all the districts on 1st January 1924?

A.—The Government have no information.

The RAJA OF RAMNAD:—“May I request the hon. the Law Member to kindly furnish the information in view of the number of Resolutions that have been tabled?”

The hon. Mr. C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR:—“An inquiry regarding the ages of the various Government pleaders and public prosecutors in all the districts may not be of great assistance, but if, in regard to any particular district where there is any trouble, this age question is raised, I have no objection to call for information.”

Magistracy.

Special Magistrates in the Madura and Tanjore districts.

270 Q.—Mr. A. V. BHANOJI RAO: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state whether the experiment of appointing Special Magistrates in